

# PROMISSORY NOTE

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Principal	Loan Date	Maturity	Loan No	Call / Coll	Account	Officer	Initials
\$8,000,000.00	02-16-2007	02-16-2012	1	000 / 00		***	

References in the shaded area are for Lender's use only and do not limit the applicability of this document to any particular loan or item.  
Any item above containing "\*\*\*\*" has been omitted due to text length limitations.

**Borrower:** MT. CARMEL PUBLIC UTILITY CO.  
316 N MARKET ST  
MOUNT CARMEL, IL 62863-1519

**Lender:** OLD NATIONAL BANK  
030 MT CARMEL  
PO BOX 193  
400 MARKET STREET  
MT CARMEL, IL 62863  
(618) 262-8687

**Principal Amount:** \$8,000,000.00

**Date of Note:** February 16, 2007

**PROMISE TO PAY.** MT. CARMEL PUBLIC UTILITY CO. ("Borrower") promises to pay to OLD NATIONAL BANK ("Lender"), or order, in lawful money of the United States of America, the principal amount of Eight Million & 00/100 Dollars (\$8,000,000.00), together with interest on the unpaid principal balance from February 16, 2007, until paid in full.

**PAYMENT.** Borrower will pay this loan in one principal payment of \$8,000,000.00 plus interest on February 16, 2012. This payment due on February 16, 2012, will be for all principal and all accrued interest not yet paid. In addition, Borrower will pay regular monthly payments of all accrued unpaid interest due as of each payment date, beginning March 16, 2007, with all subsequent interest payments to be due on the same day of each month after that. Unless otherwise agreed or required by applicable law, payments will be applied first to any accrued unpaid interest; then to principal; then to any unpaid collection costs; and then to any late charges. The annual interest rate for this Note is computed on a 365/360 basis; that is, by applying the ratio of the annual interest rate over a year of 360 days, multiplied by the outstanding principal balance, multiplied by the actual number of days the principal balance is outstanding. Borrower will pay Lender at Lender's address shown above or at such other place as Lender may designate in writing.

**VARIABLE INTEREST RATE.** The interest rate on this Note is subject to change from time to time based on changes in an independent index which is the one month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) as published in the Wall Street Journal (the "Index"). The Index is not necessarily the lowest rate charged by Lender on its loans. If the Index becomes unavailable during the term of this loan, Lender may designate a substitute index after notifying Borrower. Lender will tell Borrower the current Index rate upon Borrower's request. The interest rate change will not occur more often than each month. Borrower understands that Lender may make loans based on other rates as well. The interest rate to be applied to the unpaid principal balance during this Note will be at a rate of 1.500 percentage points over the Index. NOTICE: Under no circumstances will the interest rate on this Note be more than the maximum rate allowed by applicable law.

**PREPAYMENT; MINIMUM INTEREST CHARGE.** In any event, even upon full prepayment of this Note, Borrower understands that Lender is entitled to a minimum interest charge of \$95.00. Other than Borrower's obligation to pay any minimum interest charge, Borrower may pay without penalty all or a portion of the amount owed earlier than it is due. Early payments will not, unless agreed to by Lender in writing, relieve Borrower of Borrower's obligation to continue to make payments under the payment schedule. Rather, early payments will reduce the principal balance due. Borrower agrees not to send Lender payments marked "paid in full", "without recourse", or similar language. If Borrower sends such a payment, Lender may accept it without losing any of Lender's rights under this Note, and Borrower will remain obligated to pay any further amount owed to Lender. All written communications concerning disputed amounts, including any check or other payment instrument that indicates that the payment constitutes "payment in full" of the amount owed or that is tendered with other conditions or limitations or as full satisfaction of a disputed amount must be mailed or delivered to: Old National Bank, PO Box 3728 Evansville, IN 47736-3728.

**LATE CHARGE.** If a payment is 10 days or more late, Borrower will be charged 5.000% of the regularly scheduled payment or \$50.00, whichever is greater.

**INTEREST AFTER DEFAULT.** Upon default, including failure to pay upon final maturity, the interest rate on this Note shall be increased by adding a 3.000 percentage point margin ("Default Rate Margin"). The Default Rate Margin shall also apply to each succeeding interest rate change that would have applied had there been no default. However, in no event will the interest rate exceed the maximum interest rate limitations under applicable law.

**DEFAULT.** Each of the following shall constitute an event of default ("Event of Default") under this Note:

**Payment Default.** Borrower fails to make any payment when due under this Note.

**Other Defaults.** Borrower fails to comply with or to perform any other term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in this Note or in any of the related documents or to comply with or to perform any term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in any other agreement between Lender and Borrower.

**Default in Favor of Third Parties.** Borrower or any Grantor defaults under any loan, extension of credit, security agreement, purchase or sales agreement, or any other agreement, in favor of any other creditor or person that may materially affect any of Borrower's property or Borrower's ability to repay this Note or perform Borrower's obligations under this Note or any of the related documents.

**False Statements.** Any warranty, representation or statement made or furnished to Lender by Borrower or on Borrower's behalf under this Note or the related documents is false or misleading in any material respect, either now or at the time made or furnished or becomes false or misleading at any time thereafter.

**Insolvency.** The dissolution or termination of Borrower's existence as a going business, the insolvency of Borrower, the appointment of a receiver for any part of Borrower's property, any assignment for the benefit of creditors, any type of creditor workout, or the commencement of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by or against Borrower.

**Creditor or Forfeiture Proceedings.** Commencement of foreclosure or forfeiture proceedings, whether by judicial proceeding, self-help, repossession or any other method, by any creditor of Borrower or by any governmental agency against any collateral securing the loan. This includes a garnishment of any of Borrower's accounts, including deposit accounts, with Lender. However, this Event of Default shall not apply if there is a good faith dispute by Borrower as to the validity or reasonableness of the claim which is the basis of the creditor or forfeiture proceeding and if Borrower gives Lender written notice of the creditor or forfeiture proceeding and deposits with Lender monies or a surety bond for the creditor or forfeiture proceeding, in an amount determined by Lender, in its sole discretion, as being an adequate reserve or bond for the dispute.

**Events Affecting Guarantor.** Any of the preceding events occurs with respect to any guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party of any of the indebtedness or any guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party dies or becomes incompetent, or revokes or disputes the validity of, or liability under, any guaranty of the indebtedness evidenced by this Note. In the event of a death, Lender, at its option, may, but shall not be required to, permit the guarantor's estate to assume unconditionally the obligations arising under the guaranty in a manner satisfactory to Lender, and, in doing so, cure any Event of Default.

**Change in Ownership.** Any change in ownership of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the common stock of Borrower.

**Adverse Change.** A material adverse change occurs in Borrower's financial condition, or Lender believes the prospect of payment or performance of this Note is impaired.

**Insecurity.** Lender in good faith believes itself insecure.

**Cure Provisions.** If any default, other than a default in payment is curable and if Borrower has not been given a notice of a breach of the same provision of this Note within the preceding twelve (12) months, it may be cured if Borrower, after receiving written notice from Lender demanding cure of such default: (1) cures the default within fifteen (15) days; or (2) if the cure requires more than fifteen (15) days, immediately initiates steps which Lender deems in Lender's sole discretion to be sufficient to cure the default and thereafter continues and completes all reasonable and necessary steps sufficient to produce compliance as soon as reasonably practical.

**LENDER'S RIGHTS.** Upon default, Lender may declare the entire unpaid principal balance under this Note and all accrued unpaid interest immediately due, and then Borrower will pay that amount.

**ATTORNEYS' FEES; EXPENSES.** Lender may hire or pay someone else to help collect this Note if Borrower does not pay. Borrower will pay Lender that amount. This includes, subject to any limits under applicable law, Lender's attorneys' fees and Lender's legal expenses, whether or not there is a lawsuit, including attorneys' fees, expenses for bankruptcy proceedings (including efforts to modify or vacate any automatic stay or injunction), and appeals. If not prohibited by applicable law, Borrower also will pay any court costs, in addition to all other sums provided by law.

**JURY WAIVER.** Lender and Borrower hereby waive the right to any jury trial in any action, proceeding, or counterclaim brought by either Lender or Borrower against the other.

**GOVERNING LAW.** This Note will be governed by federal law applicable to Lender and, to the extent not preempted by federal law, the laws of

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the State of Illinois without regard to its conflicts of law provisions. This Note has been accepted by Lender in the State of Illinois.

**CHOICE OF VENUE.** If there is a lawsuit, Borrower agrees upon Lender's request to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of WABASH County, State of Illinois.

**DISHONORED ITEM FEE.** Borrower will pay a fee to Lender of \$20.00 if Borrower makes a payment on Borrower's loan and the check or preauthorized charge with which Borrower pays is later dishonored.

**RIGHT OF SETOFF.** To the extent permitted by applicable law, Lender reserves a right of setoff in all Borrower's accounts with Lender (whether checking, savings, or some other account). This includes all accounts Borrower holds jointly with someone else and all accounts Borrower may open in the future. However, this does not include any IRA or Keogh accounts, or any trust accounts for which setoff would be prohibited by law. Borrower authorizes Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to charge or setoff all sums owing on the indebtedness against any and all such accounts, and, at Lender's option, to administratively freeze all such accounts to allow Lender to protect Lender's charge and setoff rights provided in this paragraph.

**COLLATERAL.** Borrower acknowledges this Note is secured by The Collateral under any and all existing and subsequent security documents, including Mortgages, Security Agreements and Collateral Assignments by any Borrower or Guarantor.

**CAPITALIZATION OF LATE CHARGES.** Borrower understands and agrees that any late charges imposed under this Note may be added by Lender to the principal amount due under this loan and shall bear interest at the rate then applicable under the terms of this Note.

**FINANCIAL RECORDS.** In absence of a more specific agreement, requirement or covenant with regard to the preparation and delivery of financial statements and additional information which may be contained in a Business Loan Agreement between Borrower and Lender, Borrower agrees to furnish Lender with, as soon as available, but in no event later than ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year of Borrower, Borrower's balance sheet and income statement for the year ended. Borrower further agrees to furnish Lender with, as soon as available, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after direction to do so from Lender, current interim financial statements, lists of assets and liabilities, agings of receivables and payables, inventory schedules, budgets, forecasts, tax returns, and other reports with respect to Borrower's financial condition and business operations. All financial reports required to be provided by Borrower shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, applied on a consistent basis, and certified by an authorized officer of Borrower as being true and correct.

Borrower also agrees to cause all guarantors of this Note to furnish financial statements and federal income tax returns within thirty (30) days after direction to do so by the Lender.

If the required financial statements or financial information required by this Note or any Business Loan Agreement between Borrower and Lender is not delivered to Lender within fifteen days after the date required to do so, Borrower's interest rate on this Note shall be increased 2.500 percentage points above the interest rate which would otherwise apply until such time as all of the required financial information is provided to the Lender.

**COLLATERAL INSPECTION/APPRaisal COST REIMBURSEMENT.** Upon such frequency as Lender may determine and whether or not Borrower is in default, Lender shall be entitled to perform and Borrower shall cooperate with examinations, inspections, audits and appraisals as provided herein. Upon advance notice by Lender to Borrower, Borrower shall permit access to its books and records by Lender and by Lender's designated representatives and agents for purposes of inspection, copying and/or auditing. Lender and Lender's designated representatives and agents shall also have the right upon advance notice to examine, inspect and/or appraise any collateral for this Note wherever located. Subject to any limitations under applicable law, Borrower shall reimburse Lender for any professional fees or other expenses incurred by Lender in connection with any examinations, inspections or audits of the books and records of Borrower and/or any examinations, inspections and/or appraisals of such collateral.

**PRIOR NOTE.** This Note is issued, not as a payment toward, but as a continuation of, the obligations of Borrower to Lender pursuant to the certain Promissory Notes most recently dated as of JANUARY 24, 2007; OCTOBER 3, 1996; JANUARY 23, 2007, in the principal amounts of \$1,000,000.00; \$4,500,000.00; \$ 1,300,000.00 (the Previously Issued Notes). Accordingly, this Note shall not be construed as payment toward, or a novation or extinguishment of, the obligations arising under the Previously Issued Notes, and its issuance shall not affect the priority of any security interest granted in connection with the Previously Issued Notes.

**SUCCESSOR INTERESTS.** The terms of this Note shall be binding upon Borrower, and upon Borrower's heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of Lender and its successors and assigns.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS.** If any part of this Note cannot be enforced, this fact will not affect the rest of the Note. Lender may delay or forgo enforcing any of its rights or remedies under this Note without losing them. Borrower and any other person who signs, guarantees or endorses this Note, to the extent allowed by law, waive presentment, demand for payment, and notice of dishonor. Upon any change in the terms of this Note, and unless otherwise expressly stated in writing, no party who signs this Note, whether as maker, guarantor, accommodation maker or endorser, shall be released from liability. All such parties agree that Lender may renew or extend (repeatedly and for any length of time) this loan or release any party or guarantor or collateral; or impair, fail to realize upon or perfect Lender's security interest in the collateral; and take any other action deemed necessary by Lender without the consent of or notice to anyone. All such parties also agree that Lender may modify this loan without the consent of or notice to anyone other than the party with whom the modification is made. The obligations under this Note are joint and several.

**ILLINOIS INSURANCE NOTICE.** Unless Borrower provides Lender with evidence of the insurance coverage required by Borrower's agreement with Lender, Lender may purchase insurance at Borrower's expense to protect Lender's interests in the collateral. This insurance may, but need not, protect Borrower's interests. The coverage that Lender purchases may not pay any claim that Borrower makes or any claim that is made against Borrower in connection with the collateral. Borrower may later cancel any insurance purchased by Lender, but only after providing Lender with evidence that Borrower has obtained insurance as required by their agreement. If Lender purchases insurance for the collateral, Borrower will be responsible for the costs of that insurance, including interest and any other charges Lender may impose in connection with the placement of the insurance, until the effective date of the cancellation or expiration of the insurance. The costs of the insurance may be added to Borrower's total outstanding balance or obligation. The costs of the insurance may be more than the cost of insurance Borrower may be able to obtain on Borrower's own.

**PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS NOTE, BORROWER READ AND UNDERSTOOD ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS NOTE, INCLUDING THE VARIABLE INTEREST RATE PROVISIONS. BORROWER AGREES TO THE TERMS OF THE NOTE.**

**BORROWER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED COPY OF THIS PROMISSORY NOTE.**

**BORROWER:**

**MT. CARMEL PUBLIC UTILITY CO.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHILIP BARNHARD, IV, President of MT. CARMEL  
PUBLIC UTILITY CO.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MARGARET E. FELTS, Secretary/Treasurer of MT.  
CARMEL PUBLIC UTILITY CO.